

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Case 1:11-cr-00556  
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Plaintiff, )  
)  
v. ) Alexandria, Virginia  
) June 1, 2012  
RANCES ULICES AMAYA, ) 9:17 a.m.  
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Defendant. )  
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TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING

BEFORE THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. TRENGA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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1 THE CLERK: Criminal Case 1:11-556, *United*  
2 *States of America v. Rances Ulices Amaya.*

3 Will counsel please note their appearances  
4 for the record.

5 MR. TERWILLIGER: Good morning, Your Honor.  
6 Zach Terwilliger and Michael Frank on behalf of the  
7 United States.

8 THE COURT: Good morning.

9 MR. ARIF: Good morning, Your Honor. Michael  
10 Arif and Melissa Sanchez on behalf of Mr. Amaya.  
11 Mr. Amaya is present in the courtroom, Judge.

12 THE COURT: We're here for sentencing.

13 Mr. Arif, have you reviewed the presentence  
14 report with Mr. Amaya, and do you have any objections?

15 MR. ARIF: No objections. We have reviewed  
16 it. No objections, Judge.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Terwilliger, any objections  
18 by the government to the presentence report?

19 MR. TERWILLIGER: Your Honor, the United  
20 States does not have any objections to the presentence  
21 report.

22 THE COURT: All right. Does the government  
23 want to be heard on the sentencing factors?

24 MR. TERWILLIGER: Yes, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Please.

1 MR. TERWILLIGER: Your Honor, the United  
2 States respectfully requests that this Court impose a  
3 sentence of life imprisonment. The government does not  
4 ask for this sentence lightly. But as the following  
5 makes abundantly clear, life sentences are reserved for  
6 the most heinous of crimes and the most violent  
7 offenders, and the defendant meets both criteria in  
8 spades.

9 First, looking to the nature and  
10 circumstances of the offense, Your Honor, as this Court  
11 heard directly from the victims at trial, it does not  
12 get much more gruesome or dire than the nature and  
13 circumstances of this offense.

14 Preying upon vulnerable girls in need of  
15 help; responding to that call for help through the  
16 forced oral sex of a juvenile; the forcible violation  
17 of a young girl; gang rape; sexual slavery; forced  
18 sexual intercourse with multiple strangers per day;  
19 physical, mental, and sexual abuse of juveniles;  
20 victims who lived in constant fear, trauma, and  
21 physical violation; 14-year-olds being made to have sex  
22 with physically dirty adult men in work vans,  
23 hatchbacks, sleazy motels, and construction sites;  
24 young girls plied with drugs and alcohol to the point  
25 of incapacitation only to awake to the horror of this

1 reality day after day.

2           The defendant's actions took this despicable  
3 and depraved act, this prostitution scheme, and he  
4 personally added the horror of sexual assault, rape,  
5 and gang members running trains on juveniles. Given  
6 these circumstances, the defendant has earned a life in  
7 prison.

8           Looking to the history and the  
9 characteristics of the defendant, given the horrific  
10 nature and circumstances of this case, it's hard to  
11 imagine any other sentencing factor rivaling that of  
12 the nature and circumstances, but defendant manages to  
13 accomplish this through his criminal history and his  
14 complete lack of character.

15           The defendant is a violent, sexually depraved  
16 menace to society. His criminal record begins about  
17 the time he reentered the United States at the age of  
18 13 and runs continuously until the present. He has 12  
19 convictions over a 10-year period, and he's appeared at  
20 sentencing on at least 12 occasions, 12 opportunities  
21 to heed a judge's warning, make positive change, and  
22 turn things around.

23           Each time he responded to those sentencings  
24 by committing more crimes, oftentimes more serious  
25 crimes, and not just crimes, Your Honor, but crimes

1 that hurt other people from theft to assault to machete  
2 attacks and now sex trafficking.

3           The defendant was given 12 chances. Frankly,  
4 those additional chances, the suspended sentences  
5 provided him the freedom to destroy these three young  
6 girls' lives. Ironically, the number 13, which holds  
7 so much significance for the defendant, this is his  
8 13th conviction. He cannot and should not be given a  
9 13th chance.

10           Even more telling than his convictions, Your  
11 Honor, are defendant's actions, which reveal his  
12 dangerous and evil characteristics. When locked up in  
13 juvenile probation, he spit on staff, recruited other  
14 youths into MS-13, and was vindictive towards others.

15           Upon release from juvenile probation, he  
16 attacked innocent partygoers with a machete at a  
17 neighbor's Sweet 16 party. He then trespassed into a  
18 high school where he had been expelled, and while  
19 others were ostensibly trying to learn something, he  
20 beat a student while yelling MS-13 forever.

21           When locked up for these crimes, he almost  
22 caused a near riot in the jail and exposed himself to a  
23 teacher that was devoting her time to teaching inmates.

24           This deeply flawed character revealed itself  
25 not only in this case but in defendant's actions here

1 in this very courtroom. He has shown absolutely no  
2 remorse. He has disrespected the sanctity of this  
3 court and our justice system by throwing up gang signs  
4 and his middle finger in open court.

5 His history and characteristics reveal an  
6 evil and sadistic person, one who has spent the vast  
7 majority of his adult and adolescent life hurting  
8 people. For the sake of these three victims as well as  
9 the victims that come before, he should never be  
10 permitted to live freely again and have the possibility  
11 of hurting someone else.

12 Looking to deterrence, Your Honor, as this  
13 Court is aware, this represents the fourth MS-13  
14 juvenile sex trafficker who has come before the court  
15 in the last ten months. Deterrence has never been more  
16 critical than it is at this juncture. Nothing will  
17 send a stronger message to MS-13 members and would be  
18 sex traffickers than a life in prison.

19 As a representative of the United States, I  
20 am often bringing up the notion of deterrence at  
21 sentencing, but what's different here is that the  
22 defendant has absolutely earned this life sentence.  
23 Deterrence is not the reason for a life sentence. It  
24 is one of many reasons for a life sentence.

25 Regarding protection of the public, the

1 defendant's constant and escalating recidivism make it  
2 a fact that the only way the public can be protected  
3 now is through incapacitation. This is no longer a  
4 hypothetical question, Your Honor.

5           When given the opportunity to live amongst  
6 the community, the defendant hurts people. The  
7 government respectfully asks this Court to do what  
8 previous courts have failed to do, protect the public  
9 from the defendant's evil actions.

10           Finally, Your Honor, looking at other  
11 similarly situated defendants and to avoid unwarranted  
12 sentencing disparities, the government requests that a  
13 sentence of life imprisonment should be imposed.

14           Out of all other juvenile sex traffickers  
15 brought before this Court, the defendant has by far the  
16 most lengthy criminal history. The defendant has  
17 amassed 15 criminal history points. He has a criminal  
18 history category VI.

19           Jose Santamaria, aka Sniper, who was  
20 sentenced on this very floor of this courthouse,  
21 received a life sentence; yet, he only had two criminal  
22 history points. Alonso Cornejo, Casper, had one  
23 criminal history point, and he received a sentence of  
24 25 years.

25           The defendant possesses an adjusted offense

1 level of 42. Jose Santamaria was 1 point higher at 43  
2 and got life. As I just mentioned, Jose Santamaria's  
3 criminal history was minuscule when compared to that of  
4 the defendant. Alonso Cornejo had an even lower  
5 offense level of 40.

6 Looking specifically to the coconspirators in  
7 this case, unlike his coconspirator Cornejo, the  
8 defendant has accepted no responsibility. He had a  
9 criminal history 14 points higher than Cornejo. On a  
10 13-point scale, he was 14 points higher. He raped  
11 multiple juveniles on multiple occasions as part of the  
12 sex trafficking scheme.

13 The defendant has earned a sentence of life  
14 imprisonment, and compared to any other MS-13 juvenile  
15 sex trafficker, when you compare his record and what he  
16 engaged in to what they have done, it reaffirms this  
17 assertion.

18 This proceeding obviously deals with a very  
19 difficult task of potentially imprisoning an individual  
20 for life. However, as the foregoing makes clear, the  
21 defendant has potentially imprisoned multiple juveniles  
22 for life with the mental anguish and trauma they  
23 suffered at his hands.

24 It's important to note that the defendant  
25 likely knew this day would come. The three dots which



1 adorn both of his eyes, in MS-13 culture, they stand  
2 for the three places MS-13 will take you once you join  
3 the gang, the hospital, the cemetery, or prison.

4           The government respectfully requests, as the  
5 guideline suggest, the facts demand, and justice  
6 requires, that this Court impose a life sentence.

7           THE COURT: Mr. Arif.

8           MS. SANCHEZ: Your Honor, the defense has  
9 submitted their position as to sentencing. I believe  
10 we've also submitted a supplement filled with letters  
11 from the family of Mr. Amaya, who are also present in  
12 the courtroom today, sir.

13           Your Honor, the only thing that we would add  
14 to that is simply what all of those documents detail,  
15 which is that Mr. Amaya's life -- in his very short  
16 life has had -- has been deprived, I should say, of the  
17 most basic and fundamental things, things that you and  
18 I and everyone hopefully in this courtroom has had,  
19 which is a family, a mother, and a father.

20           Mr. Amaya was separated from his family at a  
21 very early age and taken out of the United States. We  
22 submit, Your Honor, that the Rances Amaya that returned  
23 to the United States was not the same little boy.  
24 While he was in other parts of the world, he did  
25 receive a very cruel and very brutal introduction into

1 the life of crime and not through his own doing but  
2 through his surroundings.

3 While we submit, Your Honor, this is in no  
4 way an excuse, this is simply a reason and the  
5 beginning of something, the beginning of what we see  
6 today, which is the Mr. Amaya who is here before you.  
7 We ask that Your Honor consider that, and for that  
8 reason along with other reasons submitted in our  
9 documentation for leniency.

10 Thank you.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Amaya, you have the right to  
12 address the Court before it imposes sentence if you  
13 wish to do so. Do you have any anything to say?

14 THE DEFENDANT: How you doing? Well, Your  
15 Honor, I know I haven't been a saint all of my life. I  
16 know I made my mistakes and stupid decisions throughout  
17 my youth. I would like to apologize for the damage  
18 I've caused on the community and on any citizen that my  
19 behavior has traumatized. I take responsibility for  
20 any harm or action that may have been the result of  
21 someone being victimized in any kind of way. I'm  
22 truly, truly sorry, and this is not just words. This  
23 is from my heart.

24 I would also like to apologize to the courts  
25 for any inconvenience that I have caused them. I am

1 asking that the courts and anybody else in here,  
2 including you, Your Honor, to believe me when I say  
3 that I've done a lot of very bad things in my life as a  
4 juvenile and as an adult I am very ashamed of. I wish  
5 to God that I could take back. I have asked God to  
6 forgive me for my reckless lifestyle and also asking  
7 the Court to please have mercy on me.

8 I would like to express that in my  
9 presentencing report the things that I did that were  
10 bad and wrong and true, but never once did he mention  
11 the things that I did accomplish, which was getting my  
12 GED, the vocational classes that I completed, and also  
13 was enrolled in Nova.

14 In closing I would like to say that I've done  
15 some serious soul searching because I realize the  
16 serious mistake that has brought me to a possible end.  
17 That could very well result in me losing my three kids.

18 I would like to express the behavior that I  
19 displayed throughout the trial and at the end that were  
20 truly unnecessary. It was only my own fault and bad  
21 spirits that caused me to act foolish when I should  
22 have been more mindful of the circumstances.

23 I am not denying that I don't know these  
24 people or that I have partied with these people. Yes,  
25 I do take responsibility for associating with them, but

1 I do not take responsibility for the charges that I'm  
2 here for today. I'll say it to my last breath.

3 Your Honor, whatever you decided today, I  
4 agree with it because I know God put it in you and into  
5 your heart. So thank you for hearing me.

6 THE COURT: Have a seat, please.

7 This matter is before the Court in the case  
8 of *United States v. Rances Ulices Amaya*.

9 With respect to his conviction after trial of  
10 Count 1 of the indictment charging conspiracy, in  
11 violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371,  
12 which is a Class D felony punishable up to 5 years in  
13 prison, a \$250,000 fine, a 3-year term of supervised  
14 release, and a \$100 special assessment; and also  
15 Counts 2 to 4, which charge for which he's been  
16 convicted of sex trafficking of a child, in violation  
17 of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1591 and 2, a  
18 Class A felony, each count punishable by up to 10 years  
19 to life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, full restitution, 5  
20 years to life of supervised release, a \$100 special  
21 assessment.

22 This 24-year-old defendant was involved in a  
23 prostitution ring involving minors between the ages of  
24 14 and 18, which operated between the summer 2009 and  
25 the winter 2010. The defendant was arrested on

1 October 26, 2011, and has been in federal custody since  
2 that date.

3 On November 23, 2011, a four-count indictment  
4 was returned against him charging conspiracy to commit  
5 sex trafficking of a child and three counts of sex  
6 trafficking of a child. He pled not guilty to these  
7 charges and proceeded to trial on February 21, 2012.  
8 On February 23, 2012, the jury returned a verdict of  
9 guilty on all four counts.

10 The Court has reviewed the sentencing  
11 guidelines. In this regard, the offense level with  
12 respect to the conspiracy charge is 30. Since it's  
13 based on the substantive offense of sex trafficking of  
14 a minor, two additional offense levels are added.  
15 Since the defendant influenced a minor to engage in  
16 prohibited sexual conduct, an additional two levels  
17 because the offense involved the commission of a sex  
18 act resulting in an overall offense level of 34.  
19 Likewise, with respect to Counts 2 through 4 of the  
20 indictment charging sexual trafficking of a child, the  
21 offense level is 34.

22 Counts 1 and 2 and Counts 1 and 3 and 1 and 4  
23 group. The others don't, resulting in an additional  
24 three levels for an overall offense level of 37.

25 The defendant also is properly assessed an

1 additional 5 levels since his conduct involved a  
2 pattern of repeat sexual offenses resulting in an  
3 overall offense level of 42.

4           With respect to his criminal history level,  
5 he has 12 prior convictions, 5 of which occurred as a  
6 juvenile resulting in an overall criminal history --  
7 I'm sorry -- criminal history points of 13. These  
8 offenses occurred while he was on probation from  
9 another offense resulting in an additional 2 levels for  
10 a criminal history level of 6.

11           The guideline sentence for someone with an  
12 offense level of 42, criminal history VI is 360 months  
13 to life as to Counts 2 and 4, 60 months as to the  
14 conspiracy count, supervised release of 1 to 3 years on  
15 Count 1 and 5 years on Counts 2 to 4, a fine of \$25,000  
16 to \$250,000 and a special assessment of \$100 per count.

17           The Court has also considered the sentencing  
18 factors in this case and has reviewed the information  
19 available to it not only in the presentence report but  
20 also as a result of the testimony at trial that took  
21 place in this courtroom.

22           The Court first considers the seriousness and  
23 nature of this offense. As to that consideration, the  
24 record before the Court is that this defendant,  
25 beginning in June 2009, who was a known member of the

1 MS-13 gang, together with Alonso Cornejo, Henry  
2 Herrera, and Alexander Rivas, some of whom are also  
3 gang members, operated a prostitution ring using minor  
4 females that they had recruited. At least three of  
5 them were runaways.

6 Cornejo and Herrera first began prostituting  
7 the minors. They were later joined by the defendant,  
8 and the defendant and his cohorts organized and  
9 operated the details of the enterprise, including  
10 renting hotel rooms, arranging for customers, and  
11 providing girls with drugs, marijuana, and alcohol.

12 As far as the defendant's particular  
13 involvement, the Court must conclude based on the  
14 evidence that he played an essential if not dominating  
15 role in the operation.

16 As the victims confirmed in their testimony  
17 at trial, he forced them initially when they were  
18 recruited to have sex with him in order to groom them  
19 for their prostitution business. He, together with the  
20 others, advertised the availability of girls, often  
21 soliciting customers where day laborers gathered to  
22 seek work.

23 He also arranged to have fellow gang members  
24 have sex sequentially with a single girl, and he  
25 managed the business when others were busy staying with

1 the victims at hotels at night, taking them to their  
2 appointments, and ensuring that they did not flee.

3 The defendant was also described at trial as  
4 providing the muscle for the operation that ensured  
5 that the female victims did as they were told and the  
6 customers paid for sex. In that regard, he used  
7 violence or the threats of violence to keep the girls  
8 in line and compliant and for that purpose carried a  
9 weapon to deliver the girls to customers and physically  
10 assaulted the girls.

11 One of the female victims testified that the  
12 defendant hit her in the face when she tried to exhibit  
13 any independence and had sex with her regularly and got  
14 her drunk. Others testified that the defendant  
15 provided her with drugs and had sex regularly even as  
16 she struggled to get away. He also used his gang  
17 status to instill fear in these young victims.

18 The presentence report states that there are no  
19 aggravating or mitigating adjustments for defendant's  
20 role in the offense relative to others and that the  
21 defendant worked with his fellow gang members to keep  
22 the prostitution business going.

23 Nevertheless, the Court concludes for the purposes  
24 of this sentencing that the defendant and his role is  
25 distinguishable from the other members of this



1 conspiracy in several respects.

2 First, as I indicated, the defendant was the  
3 acknowledged enforcer of the operation, whose  
4 reputation for violence within the MS-13 gang allowed  
5 him to keep the victims and clients in line. He  
6 provided fellow gang members with free sex with these  
7 victims as a means of enhancing his stature within the  
8 gang.

9 Second, the defendant's criminal history is more  
10 serious than that of the other coconspirators. In that  
11 regard, he had essentially established himself as a  
12 career criminal beginning with juvenile offenses at age  
13 13, including an array of gang-related offenses,  
14 including thefts, assaults, and probation violations,  
15 which included, among others, an attack on a person  
16 with a machete.

17 Third, the defendant is significantly older than  
18 the 18-year-old Cornejo and the 19-year-old Rivas.  
19 Based on all the evidence, it concludes that he play a  
20 more dominating role in connection with the operation  
21 of the prostitution ring.

22 Finally and significantly, the defendant's  
23 guideline sentence is significantly higher than the  
24 others attributable in part to his failure to accept  
25 responsibility, as well as his higher criminal history.

1 In that regard, his criminal history of VI is compared  
2 with V for Rivas and criminal history I for Cornejo.

3 The Court has considered the guideline sentence,  
4 more generally, how it was calculated, the factors that  
5 resulted in that sentence, and how that sentence  
6 differed from the others who have been sentenced and  
7 why.

8 Against this background, the Court has considered  
9 the sentences already imposed on the other  
10 coconspirators and the need to avoid unwarranted  
11 sentence disparities. In that regard, Rivas has  
12 received a sentence in this court of 120 months against  
13 the guideline sentence of 168 to 210 months. Cornejo  
14 received a sentence in this court of 292 months against  
15 the guideline sentence of 292 to 360 months. Herrera  
16 has received a sentence of 300 months in state court.

17 The Court has also considered the life sentence  
18 given to another defendant in this court in an  
19 unrelated case which involved the more serious offense  
20 of sex trafficking of a minor under the age of 14.

21 The Court has also considered the history and the  
22 characteristics of this particular defendant, and there  
23 is no doubt he has faced some challenges in his life.  
24 He was born in the United States but at an early age  
25 was sent to live with relatives in El Salvador by his

1 mother. Then he returned here to live with his mother  
2 where he has struggled since returning.

3 He has an extensive juvenile record, as I said,  
4 beginning at age 13. He was expelled from high school  
5 because of his conduct, which included assaults and  
6 other disruptive behavior. As an adult, he has had  
7 multiple convictions, including convictions based on  
8 various gang-related activity.

9 As reflected in his long criminal history, he  
10 clearly has a disposition for violence with the  
11 prospects for recidivist behavior very high,  
12 particularly in light of his gang affiliation, his lack  
13 of any real vocational skills, and his steadfast  
14 refusal certainly at least during the trial up to  
15 today's hearing of any responsibility or exhibit any  
16 remorse or any sense of regret or even wrongdoing.

17 In short, the Court finds little, if anything, to  
18 mitigate the otherwise applicable sentencing  
19 considerations, particularly when one considers the  
20 heinous nature of the crime and the level of depravity  
21 inherent in that crime and the harm inflicted on these  
22 young victims.

23 The Court has also considered the public interest  
24 and the need for deterrence, both of which must be  
25 assessed with respect to the injuries inflicted on

1 these victims and the threat imposed by the MS gang  
2 that was part and parcel of this criminal enterprise.

3 With respect to these victims, some of whom were  
4 as young as 14, one cannot imagine the depths of fear  
5 and despair that they must've experienced, the effects  
6 of which will no doubt accompany them throughout their  
7 lives. The Court is simply at a loss to understand the  
8 brutal, inhumane gang culture that motivated this  
9 activity and justified in this defendant's mind such  
10 things as passing these young girls around as sex toys  
11 to fellow gang members, using them to generate revenue  
12 for the gang.

13 In short, this offense cannot be separated from  
14 the gang culture within which it occurred, and there  
15 can be no doubt that the MS gang and its culture poses  
16 a fundamental threat to the public safety. It produces  
17 in its members a nearly impenetrable commitment to  
18 violence as a way of life, and the attitude of violence  
19 and defiance and contempt has been amply demonstrated  
20 by this defendant in this case, and the public interest  
21 requires a long-term separation of this defendant from  
22 the public.

23 The Court has also considered the public interest  
24 in terms of whether to impose the maximum sentence  
25 available for this offense, life in prison, which in

1 the federal system is without any prospect of release  
2 or whether something short of life can adequately  
3 protect the public and serve as a deterrent and a just  
4 punishment.

5 That judgment is a difficult one in this case  
6 given the nature of the offense, and for that purpose,  
7 the Court has considered how this offense, as serious  
8 as it is, compares with the most serious offenses for  
9 which the most severe sentences are reserved, among  
10 them life in prison.

11 In making that judgment, the Court has considered  
12 a variety of factors, including, first, the seriousness  
13 of the offense relative to those offenses deserving of  
14 a maximum punishment, again, considering the impact on  
15 his victims for that purpose.

16 Secondly, the relatively young age of this  
17 defendant and the prospects that over time his danger to  
18 the public will decrease through aging or otherwise.  
19 And in that connection, the Court has considered the  
20 nature of his other convictions, which while serious,  
21 are not among the most serious offenses.

22 Third, the Court has considered the sentence  
23 imposed on the other coconspirators, where those  
24 sentences fall within the applicable guideline  
25 sentencing range, and also the guideline sentence

1 applicable to this defendant's criminal history but  
2 assessed that the offense level assigned to those other  
3 coconspirators that were sentenced in this court.

4 The Court has also considered the sentencing  
5 guideline range applicable to this defendant, which  
6 sanctions a less than life sentence.

7 Finally, the Court has considered the likely  
8 effects of various sentences on this defendant's  
9 propensity and disposition for recidivist behavior as  
10 he ages during a long-term incarceration. In that  
11 regard, the Court has considered whether it would serve  
12 to some degree the public interest to provide some  
13 incentive to this defendant to control his behavior  
14 while incarcerated with the prospect of release at some  
15 point in time because of his age or perhaps some degree  
16 of rehabilitation, as well as post incarceration  
17 supervision, the defendant would no longer pose a  
18 threat to the public.

19 Finally, the Court has considered the letters it  
20 has received from, among others, his fiancée, the  
21 mother of some his children, his brother, and his  
22 mother, who speak to the challenges that he's faced and  
23 what they see as good qualities in him.

24 Based on all the information, the Court has  
25 sufficient information to impose sentence at this time.

1 Mr. Amaya, will you come to the podium, please.

2 Mr. Amaya, it will be the sentence of this Court  
3 as to Count 1, conspiracy, that you be committed to the  
4 Bureau of Prisons for a period of 60 months followed by  
5 5 years of supervised release. As to Counts 2, 3, and  
6 4, you are committed to the Bureau of Prisons for a  
7 term of 600 months, 50 years, as to each of those  
8 counts to run concurrently as to each other and also as  
9 to Count 1 followed by lifetime supervised release with  
10 the standard conditions and also the special condition  
11 of registration as a sex offender, no contact with  
12 MS-13 or other gang members, and substance abuse  
13 testing as directed.

14 The Court finds you have no ability to pay a fine;  
15 therefore, no fine will be imposed. The Court will  
16 impose a \$100 special assessment as to each of the four  
17 counts for a total of \$400.

18 That will be the sentence of the Court.

19 You have the right to appeal your conviction as  
20 well as the sentences that are imposed by filing a  
21 notice of appeal within 14 days from the date of  
22 judgment. You can ask your lawyer to do that or the  
23 clerk, who will file the notice of appeal. That will  
24 be the sentence of the Court.

25 Anything further?

1 MR. TERWILLIGER: No, Your Honor.

2 MR. ARIF: No, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Counsel is excused.

4 The Court will stand in recess.

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Time: 9:46 a.m.

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22 I certify that the foregoing is a true and  
23 accurate transcription of my stenographic notes.

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/s/  
Rhonda F. Montgomery, CCR, RPR



<b>1. CIR./DIST./DIV. CODE</b> VAED		<b>2. PERSON REPRESENTED</b> Rances Ulices Amaya			<b>VOUCHER NUMBER</b>		
<b>3. MAG. DKT./DEF. NUMBER</b>		<b>4. DIST. DKT/DEF. NUMBER</b> 1:11-CR-00556		<b>5. APPEALS DKT./DEF. NUMBER</b> 12-4418		<b>6. OTHER DKT. NUMBER</b>	
<b>7. IN CASE/MATTER OF (Case Name)</b> USA vs. Rances Ulices Amaya		<b>8. PAYMENT CATEGORY</b> Felony		<b>9. TYPE PERSON REPRESENTED</b> Adult Defendant		<b>10. REPRESENTATION TYPE</b> CC	
<b>11. OFFENSE(S) CHARGED (Cite U.S. Code, Title &amp; Section)</b> <i>If more than one offense, list (up to five) major offenses charged, according to severity of offense.</i> 18 1591.F - Sex trafficking of children or by force fraud or coercion							
<b>REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSCRIPT</b>							
<b>12. PROCEEDING IN WHICH TRANSCRIPT IS TO BE USED</b> <i>(Describe briefly)</i> Appeal to Fourth Circuit							
<b>13. PROCEEDING TO BE TRANSCRIBED</b> <i>(Describe specifically) NOTE: The trial transcripts are not to include prosecution opening statement, defense opening statement, defense argument, prosecution rebuttal, voir dire or jury instructions, unless specifically authorized by the Court (see Item 14).</i> Sentencing - June 1, 2012							
<b>14. SPECIAL AUTHORIZATIONS (Services Other Than Ordinary)</b>							<b>JUDGE'S INITIALS</b>
A: Apportioned Cost _____ % of transcript with <i>(Give case name and defendant)</i>							
B. <input type="checkbox"/> 14-Day <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited <input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Hourly Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> Realtime Unedited Transcript							
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Opening Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Argument <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecution Rebuttal <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Opening Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Argument <input type="checkbox"/> Voir Dire <input type="checkbox"/> Jury Instructions							
D. In this multi-defendant case, commercial duplication of transcripts will impede the delivery of accelerated transcript services to persons proceeding under the Criminal Justice Act. <input type="checkbox"/>							
<b>15. ATTORNEY'S STATEMENT</b>  As the attorney for the person represented who is named above, I hereby affirm that the transcript requested is necessary for adequate representation. I, therefore, request authorization to obtain the transcript services at the expense of the United States pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act.  _____ Signature of Attorney  Michael S. Arif Printed Name Telephone Number: (703) 323-1200 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panel Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Retained Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Se <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Organization				<b>16. COURT ORDER</b>  Financial eligibility of the person represented having been established to the Court's satisfaction, the authorization requested in Item 15 is hereby granted.  _____ Signature of Presiding Judicial Officer or by Order of the Court  _____ Date of Order _____ Nunc Pro Tunc Date			
<b>CLAIM FOR SERVICES</b>							
<b>17. COURT REPORTER/TRANSCRIBER STATUS</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official <input type="checkbox"/> Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Transcriber <input type="checkbox"/> Other				<b>18. PAYEE'S NAME (First Name, M.I., Last Name, including any suffix), AND MAILING ADDRESS</b> Montgomery Court Reporting, Inc. 401 Courthouse Square Alexandria, VA 22314  Telephone Number: (703) 299-4599			
<b>19. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR EMPLOYER ID NUMBER OF PAYEE</b> 42-1582241							
<b>20. TRANSCRIPT</b>	<b>INCLUDE PAGE NUMBERS</b>	<b>NO. OF PAGES</b>	<b>RATE PER PAGE</b>	<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>LESS AMOUNT APPORTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Original	1 to 24	24	3.65	87.60		87.60	
<b>Expenses (Itemize)</b>							
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED:</b>							87.60
<b>21. CLAIMANT'S CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE PROVIDED</b> I hereby certify that the above claim is for services rendered and is correct, and that I have not sought or received payment (compensation or anything of value) from any other source for these services.  Signature of Claimant/Payee _____ Date 08-23-2012							
<b>ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION</b>							
<b>22. CERTIFICATION OF ATTORNEY OR CLERK</b> I hereby certify that the services were rendered and that the transcript was received.  _____ Signature of Attorney or Clerk _____ Date							
<b>APPROVED FOR PAYMENT - COURT USE ONLY</b>							
<b>23. APPROVED FOR PAYMENT</b>  _____ Signature of Judicial Officer or Clerk of Court _____ Date							<b>24. AMOUNT APPROVED</b>  \$87.60